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REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 11-18 is acknowledged and appreciated. In order to expedite prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11 and all intervening claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 and 12-18 are in condition for allowance. Further, new independent claim 19 includes what is believed to be allowable subject matter contained in claim 11. That is, none of the cited prior art appears to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, a "manipulation means [which] comprises register means for retaining operand data and size information about the size of the operand data" in combination with other elements as recited in claim 19. It is therefore submitted that claims 19-21 are allowable over the cited prior art..

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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